

## House Resolution No. 1684

**Whereas**, Donald F. Essen is a pillar of his community, broadly described as all of western St. Louis County, where he is respected and admired by all; and

**Whereas**, Don Essen was the chairman of the Pond Grove Study Commission (1983), which resulted in the incorporation of Wildwood; and

**Whereas**, Don Essen is the founder and past president of the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce, which was organized in 1955 and incorporated in 1957 and which awarded Mr. Essen with its Fiftieth Year Leadership Award; and

**Whereas**, Don Essen is a member of the Ballwin Historical Commission, member of the Ballwin Days Committee, and founder of the Die Ballwin Wanderfreunde Volksmarch Club; and

**Whereas**, Don Essen was the recipient of the Alumnus Achievement Award in Engineering, in 2001, from the Washington University School of Engineering, from which he graduated in 1943 as a member of the O.D.K. Honor Society; and

**Whereas**, Don Essen is the past president of the Advisory Council of Concordia Seminary and has been a member since 1968, and Don Essen was the chairman of the St. Louis County Planning Commission from 1987 to 1991; and

**Whereas**, retiring as a major from the United States Army Reserves in 1961, Don Essen nobly served his country in the Second World War and received nine commendations, citations, and medals for his service:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to commend the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce for their proclaiming May 23, 2007, Don Essen Day, in recognition of all of the work Mr. Essen has done for his community; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Neal St. Onge, No. 88

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Representative Dwight Scharnhorst, No. 93

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Representative Charles R. Portwood, No. 92

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Representative Allen Icet, No. 84

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Representative Timothy W. Jones, No. 89

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1684, adopted April 2, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker